year along with the number of telephones installed out of them; and

(b) the time by which the remaining connections are likely to be provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of telephone connections sanctioned on out of turn priority basis during April 1991 is 5480. The information regarding the number of telephone installed out of these, is being collected from the field units and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(b) The telephone connections in respect of those to whom these telephone connections have been sanctioned on out-of-turn basis will be installed progressively after observance of departmental formalities and subject to technical feasibility.

Production of Granulated Slag in Steel Plants

2252. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the production of granulated slag in steel plants during 1988-89 and 1989-90;

(b) the quantity of granulated slag supplied for the production of cement during the above period; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve its quality to enhance cement production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) and (b) The production of granulated slag at the integrated steel plants during 1988-89 and 1989-90 and the supplies made to cement plants were as below:

(*Tonnes*)

Plant	(*Granulated Slag*)			
	Production		*Supply to Cement Plants*	
	1988-89	*1989-90*	*1988-89*	*1989-90*
Bokaro Steel Plant . . .	361592	305474	346556	245017
Bhilai Steel Plant . . .	1145000	1104000	1151000	1005000
Rourkela Steel Plant . . .	195840	197809	192727	197036
IISCO Burnpur	171640	200540	179854	200844
Tata Iron & Steel Co. . .	362854	355077	365329	327307

Durgapur Steel Plant, which does not have slag granulation facilities, supplied 241900 tonnes and 240300 tonnes of molten blast furnace slag during 1988-89 and 1989-90 respectively for cement manufacturing.

(c) Among the steps being taken to improve the quality of slag where such quality is deficient, are the phased installation of cast house slag granulation facilities and improvement of raw material quality.

Sponge Iron Plants

2253. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sponge iron plants functioning in the country and those under construction along with their locations;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up a sponge iron plant in Uttar Pradesh; and